

Dade Heritage Trust Board of Trustees Meeting November 11, 1975

Meeting began 8:10 home of Sallye Jude Pres. Sam Boldrick presiding.

Minutes of Oct. 15 meeting corrected but not read to save time.

Treasurer Ludovico Blanc reported the IRS has received our non-profit corporation application, there is \$771.16 in cash and \$4000 in our savings account. He reimbursed Dolly Mc Intyre \$20 advanced to entertain John Milner of the National Trust and American Heritage Corp.

Mary Dorsey proposed a Correspondence Committee to write letters where helpful to get civic action. The DHT board would provide an outline of needs to be met in letters, members would write as individuals and not be provided with DHT letterhead stationary. The Board agreed to give this a trial, a chairman would be sought to organize this committee.

Mary Dorsey suggested DHT resurrect the merit award program begun in 1973 to encourage who preserve and use historic structures, giving the example of a Mr. Harrison who renovated an old building in Lemon City for his offices, and as an example for similar downtown improvements. She suggested the City of Miami should receive some commendation from DHT for keeping the City Hall former Pan Am base and getting it listed on the National Register. Dolly Mc Intyre reminded us that the Merit Award Contest was a joint effort with the AIA. Board took no action on idea.

The Board agreed to give Kathy Ramsey, as trustee and co-editor of the newsletter authorization to report interesting things discussed at Board meetings.

Sam Boldrick reporting for Book Committee read some examples of different styles of writing for the guidebook and asked if the Board thought each section should be written up the same way for continuity. The Board favored using the same style throughout the book. Sallye said she knew an architectural student willing to help and Ludovico Blanc proposed Mr. Andre

Dauney would be helpful to document architectural and historical aspects.

Dolly McIntyre reported the meeting at her home of local and government groups interested in historic preservation with John Milner who offered helpful suggestions and the discussion of how to draw up a preservation plan for the County. Dolly, Mary, Sallye and Marty have met with Ms. Nancy Bahn to cooperate with this proposal (Miss Bahn is with the Community Development Board. Dolly read the proposal roughly drafted to date which basically includes \$25,000 to purchase Anderson's Corners about \$12,000 for a professional architectural historian to takeover the Historic Sites Survey for 1 year and other funds for restoration projects. Details need to be worked out how to handle these funds if granted, DHT is not in a position to provide office space and staff to aid the historian working on the survey, a possible cooperative effort by HASF and DHT would be investigated. Board approved these developments and pressed for further progress. Sallye Jude reported she read and presented a proposal to the City of Miami to provide \$127,000 as a Bicentennial project to acquire Dr. Jackson's office and Wagner Homestead. She was disappointed to get little interest shown. Sallye has a letter from the Dade County Medical Association expressing cooperation to save Dr. Jackson's office.

Dolly read a letter from John Milner in which he thanked Prof. Woody Wilkins and Mary Dorsey for hosting him at lunch and showing him historic sites including Dr. Jackson's office and Wagner Homestead. Mr. Milner suggests



keeping Dr. Jackson's office on its present site and it would be very suitable for DHT office, centrally located and accessible to public transportation. He thinks Wagner Homestead could be easily relocated to a better location and offered his help and cooperation when we are able to work on these sites. Dolly suggested that when there is some ruling on Dr. Jackson's office the Medical Association and Med. Asso. Ladies Auxillary be asked to help raise funds.

Dolly reported she had attended a meeting of the Environmental Protection Agency where there was a discussion about removal of trees to build townhouses by the new owner of the De Hedouville house and property. Dolly said she had written to Ney Landrum that the De Hedouville house be allowed to move 25 feet onto the Barnacle property to save it and had received a reply from his office that it would investigate the feasibility of this proposal.

Dolly said the Villagers were interested in Anderson's Corners and agreeable to lease it if the County buys it and studying plans to restore it, discussing possibilities with the owner Mrs. Iat Cothron. Dolly told of Westville Village, a recreated 1850's town in Lumpkin, Ga. Although the location seems impossible, with community support, private grants and funds, old buildings have been saved and used as a background to demonstrate pioneer life and crafts. She suggested this as a possible theme for a historic village to preserve buildings here and will research it further.

Dolly mentioned the Florida Historical Society meeting to be held here in May 1976, DHT has not been asked to help yet but the Metropolitan Museum of Art is planning an exhibit of architectural artifacts.

*POSSIBILITY OF* Don Gruber asked how to get funds for our projects and asked how Savannah Foundation got money to be so successful. Dolly said the HSF had the backing of the Citizens and Southern Bank family and DHT best bet for funding would be a revolving fund but we aren't able to establish one yet and no one in DHT is really trying to get this started. *Historic*

It was stressed that DHT needs its own active fundraising group to start projects before approaching rich people for help. Mary Dorsey said someone is needed to research charitable foundations and grants to find one not committed to another project which would aid historic preservation.

Ludovico Blanc pointed out that DHT at present doesn't have adequate funds for the guidebook and starting a revolving fund.

Dolly said an information packet for DHT gala advisors and politicians must be completed and we need personal contact with commissioners. She asked each Trustee to be personally responsible for meeting one Miami Commissioner. Betty and Beth were not assigned anyone but agreed to help, Mary Dorsey excused because she is liaison to Coral Gables Historic Monument Board and too busy. They would try to meet the commissioners in early December before they have to pass on the proposal presented by Sallye and give them the DHT publicity packet and generally familiarize them with DHT. Sam Boldrick - Beverly Phillips and Sam Ruvenstein - Don Gruber - Harry Cain - Sallye Jude - Jim Redford - Margaret Strassler - Clara Oesterle - Ludovico Blanc - Harvey Ruvin - Dolly McIntyre - Sid Levin. This left Mayor Clark and Neil Adams unassigned but the trustees who were absent would be asked about meeting them.

Dolly Mc Intyre said the Coral Gables Historic Monument Board had asked for help in their efforts to save Merrick Manor and secure funds for it. DHT board passed a motion to write the CGHMB supporting the proposal to restore and utilize Merrick Manor, DHT would be willing to pay to use the home for our meetings, as might other organizations.

Sallye Jude said the next Coral Gables planning Board would discuss prospects of historic preservation and that DHT and CGHMB should be represented at this meeting. Sallye would find out from her husband, a member of the planning board when the date for the meeting is set.

Ludovico Blanc proposed DHT write a letter to CGHMB supporting their efforts to preserve Coral Way as a canopy road. Motion passed, letter to be written when definite method of preservation of Coral Way decided on. Mary Dorsey had reported a meeting of CGHMB where they had to take some immediate action to block County plans for widening Coral Way which would also destroy some of Coral Gables historic entrances and plazas. They seek preservation under the the Florida State canopy road protection plan and historic highway status such as that granted Old Cutler Road. Don Gruber agreed to turn over his file on Cutler Road to Arva Farks, chairman of Coral Gables Historic Monument Board and Ludovico Blanc offered to assist Don and Arva.

Dolly said an effort also should be made to have So. Bayshore Drive declared a Historic Highway. No action taken at this time.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 P.M.

Minutes by Secretary Mary Dorsey

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